

***More than \$12,000 will support first responders***

Ocean County - Congressman John Adler today announced \$12,290 in federal grant funds for the Ocean Gate Fire Company. The grant is intended to support the recruitment and retention of firefighters, through additional resources and training.

"Ocean County's first responders risk their lives to keep our community safe," Congressman Adler said. "They deserve their fair share of federal resources."

"This funding will provide the resources our Fire Company needs to stay safe on the job," said Gerald A. Barrett, Jr., Chief of the Ocean Gate Fire Company. "I am grateful for Congressman Adler's commitment to our communities' safety."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that our communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He supported the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters